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Every Monday and the first and third Tuesday of the month following the first Monday.

November 24, 2008

Honorable Governor Schweitzer,

On behalf of the agricultural producers of Chouteau County, the Chouteau County Commissioners would like to request a secretarial disaster recommendation. We are requesting this designation because of some production problems in Chouteau County resulting in more than a 30% loss for some of our farmers. There were some major hail storms in June and July of 2008, virtually wiping out the entire crops of some producers. An extensive drought in the Big Sandy area in early 2008 resulted in many farmers reseeding their entire acreage of winter wheat. Also in the late growing season of 2008 (July-August) there was an unusually virulent outbreak of sawfly resulting in major losses of winter and especially spring wheat, this sawfly loss was reported county wide.

Harvey W. Worrall, Chairman

Kenneth R. Evans, Member

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